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Dear Mr. Powell

I am writing in oppositon to the proposed relaxtion of the Media Ownership Rules by the Federal Communications Commissions.

The Media Ownership Rules were established to protect the information that keeps us FREE from being undermined or taken away. If we allow access to information to become further concentrated in the hands of a few companies we are condemning ourselves to a uniformed life.

The reason for establishing the Media Ownership Rules was to protect ourselves from totalitarianism and to protect our democratic way of life. Democracy rests on varied opinions and views. Eliminating or relaxing the media ownership rules flies in the face of the rights we are fighting to protect.

I believe that the services these rules have provided for the average citizen completely eclipse the economic benefit it can provide for a few companies. We are already witnesses to a horrible predicament. We are already shielded from many events around the globe. I find it unfair that any one person wishes to limit the information I can reach.

Furthermore, the internet is too big to search for information accuratley and appropriately. Also if AOL/ Time Warner/ ABC/ Disney owns my local TV station, my local newspaper and my radio station you say I still have the internet. What is the largest search engine in America? America Online connects more people to the internet then any other company.

Sincerely


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